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2. (Secret - JMM) Met with Representative Bob Steele (R., Conn.), [redacted] and gave him a rundown on Agency activities in support of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs in trying to cope with the problem of illegal drug traffic into the U.S. Steele was most friendly and spoke highly of his association with the Agency. He permitted me to make some changes in portions of his draft report on a recent survey trip to Southeast Asia in which he mentions the Agency and Air America. During his Southeast Asia trip, he had gotten the impression that the Agency still had some connection with KMT elements in the triborder area who were implicated in opium traffic. I said I thought this highly unlikely but would look into it. Steele will consider the possibility of getting a statement from the Bureau of Narcotics favorable to the Agency which he can put into the Congressional Record, [redacted]

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[redacted] He'll think about this and let me know next week. Steele appears to be studying the drug problem conscientiously and intensively and would like to discuss it informally with some Agency officer who is following it, such as [redacted] We tentatively agreed to get together at dinner at my home on 2 June.

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